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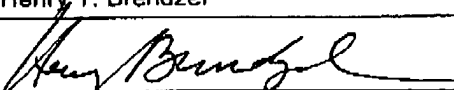
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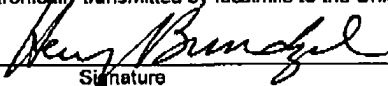
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Filing Date	4/19/2000	Serial No.	09/700,523
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Title	Method and Apparatus for Performing Packet Loss or Frame Erasure Concealment		

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This is in response to an Office action dated September 28, 2004.

Claim 1 was provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending application No. 09/700,524 in view of Chen, US Patent 6,351,730. Applicant respectfully traverses.

First, a provisional rejection may be applied based on an earlier filed, copending, unpublished application. MPEP 706.02(f)(2). Since the '524 copending application was filed on the same day as the instant application, it is not an **earlier** filed application and, therefore, it is not subject to a provisional rejection in view of the '524 application.

Second, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is at least premature. Even without addressing the merits of the Examiner's assertion as to obviousness:

- (a) it is not known whether the '524 application will issue,
- (b) even if the '524 application issues, it is not known what claims will issue and it is not known whether the Examiner will even wish to assert obviousness, or is asserted, whether the Examiner is correct in such an assertion, and
- (c) it is not known which application will issue first.